speed and quantum of flow. So far, there has been no quantitative measure for the self-cleaning capacity of a river.

(c) Availability of assured water resource is taken into account in formulation of utilisation projects.

Agreement with Swiss Government to check deposits of Indians

1646. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 587 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1987 and state:

(a) what further steps have been taken by the Government of India to enter into a treaty for mutual assistance in criminal matters with Swiss authorities for assistance in specific cases of Indian having accounts in Swiss Banks with funds obtained illegally; and

(b) whether Government have been able to find clues of such accounts and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) An Agreement by exchange of letters has been reached with the Government of Switzerland to provide mutual assistance in investigation of criminal offences. The letters were exchanged on 20th February, 1989. This agreement envisaged that the two Governments will cooperate and provide assistance in investigation of criminal cases on the basis of the principles of reciprocity and dual criminality.

Export of Human Skeletons

1647. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Statesman' of the 5th January, 1989 regarding major racket in export in human skeletons;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the basis of earlier news paper report, enquiries were made but no evidence of such exports being made came to notice.

Prospect of accord with NSCN

1648. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn in the news-item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 30th December, 1988 regarding likely accord with N.S.C N. (National Socialist Council of Nagaland); and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.